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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS UPDATE

REFERENCE: BUENOS AIRES 4466, SECTION 1

1. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS EMBASSY FOR THOROUGH JUNE 9 CABLE ON HUMAN RIGHTS EVENTS THROUGH FIRST SIX MONTHS. HA IS USING CABLE AS MODEL FOR OTHER TOUGH PROBLEM COUNTRIES.

2. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING EVENTS IN THE AFTER-MATH OF NEWSOM VISIT, WOULD APPRECIATE AN UPDATE OF EVENTS AND A SENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS SINCE HIS VISIT ALONG THE LINES OF THE JUNE 9 CABLE.

3. IN RESPONDING, THREE KEY ISSUES THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY-RAISED SHOULD BE COVERED. (A) WHAT HAS BEEN THE CONDUCT OF THE SECURITY FORCES DURING THIS PERIOD AS EVIDENCED IN NEW DETENTIONS, DISAPPEARANCES, MISTREATMENT, ETC. AND WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN DURING THIS PERIOD TO DEAL WITH

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THE SECURITY FORCES ABUSES? (B) HOW MANY DETAINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED DURING THIS PERIOD? HOW MANY NEW DETENTIONS

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DURING THIS PERIOD? (C) ARE ANY NEW STEPS BEING TAKEN TO
PROVIDE MEANS BY WHICH THE FAMILIES OF THE DISAPPEARED CAN
OBTAIN INFORMATION OF THEIR RELATIVES, RESOLUTION OF THEIR
LEGAL STATUS? VANCE

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